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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed February 15, 2005. A copy of the search report is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. Patent Documents are not included.

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Copies of the references from the ISR are believed to be available to the Examiner and thus are not provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

WO 00/73785 is an English equivalent of JP 2003-501627, WO 94/29731 is an English equivalent of JP 3369183, US 2004/0173458 corresponds to EP 1 411 348, EP 0 417 796 is an English equivalent of JP 3-99254 and US 6,875,327 corresponds to EP 1 152 239. English abstracts have been included for JP 2001-091512 and JP 11-118794.

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